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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST TO QUAI OVER BERLIN MAYOR'S
ROLE IN FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT

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1. THE FRENCH BONN GROUP REP (RICHARD) HAS INFORMED THE
BONN GROUP THAT A MEMBER OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN PARIS
PROTESTED TO PLAISANT OVER THE PRESENCE OF MAYOR
STOBBE IN THE FRG DELEGATION TO THE FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT
AND HIS ROLE AS FRG PLENIPOTENTIARY FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS.
THE SOVIET OFFICIAL SAID THAT THIS IS AN AFFIRMATION OF
THE FRG JURISDICTION OVER "WEST BERLIN," WHICH, AS THE
"QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT FOR WEST BERLIN PROVIDES," IS
NOT PART OF THE FRG. HE CLAIMED THAT STOBBE'S ROLE IS
CONTRARY TO THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE QA AND TO
FAVORABLE TENDENCIES TOWARD DETENTE IN EUROPE. THE
SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE ALSO SAID THAT THE SOVIETS EXPECT
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THE FRENCH TO DO THE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT SUCH
MANIPULATIONS DO NOT OCCUR. A PARALLEL DEMARCHE WAS
REPORTEDLY MADE IN BONN.

2. PLAISANT RESPONDED THAT:

-- THERE IS NO "QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT FOR WEST

BERLIN."

-- THERE IS NO GENERAL CLAUSE IN THE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971 SUCH AS THAT WHICH THE SOVIET DIPLOMAT CITED BUT ONLY A RESERVATION TO THE GENERAL PRINCIPLE THAT THE TIES BETWEEN THE FRG AND BERLIN SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND DEVELOPED.

-- THERE IS NO CLAUSE IN THE QA WHICH LIMITS THE COMPETENCE OF THE GOVERNING MAYOR AND IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW THE SOVIETS FIND THAT THE FACT THAT STOBBE IS THE FRG PLENIPOTENTIARY FOR FRANCO-GERMAN CULTURAL RELATIONS IMPLIES THE EXERCISE OF "DIRECT STATE AUTHORITY" OF THE FRG OVER BERLIN.

-- EACH STATE IS FREE TO CONSTITUTE ITS DELEGATIONS AS IT CHOOSES OR TO INVITE WHOMEVER IT CHOOSES AND (QUOTING THE HELSINKI DECLARATION) PLAISANT SAID THAT OTHER STATES SHOULD ABSTAIN FROM INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WITHIN NATIONAL JURISDICTION.

3. THE FRENCH SAY THAT THIS ORAL RESPONSE APPEARED TO BE SUFFICIENT.
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